

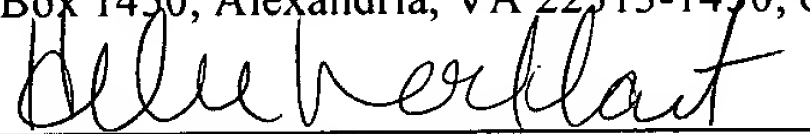
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Sir:

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

This is in response to the Election/Restriction Requirement mailed on July 24, 2003. Applicants hereby request a two month extension of time for response to and including October 24, 2003. Please charge the fee for the extension of time and any fee deficiency to Deposit Account No. 23/2825.

ELECTION

Applicants hereby elect the claims of Group VII (claims 7, 25-27, 38-41 and 49, drawn to methods for decreasing UCP in a plant), with traverse. As further required by the Examiner upon election of Group I, Applicants further elect the following single nucleotide sequence and corresponding amino acid sequence: SEQ ID NO.: 8.

REMARKS

In response to the Restriction Requirement, Applicants have elected to prosecute Group VII (claims 7, 25-27, 38-41 and 49, drawn to methods for decreasing UCP in a plant), and further elect SEQ ID NO. 8, with traverse.